

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of August 31, 2012)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 192,131 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 104,138.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty-five patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-seven percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-four percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition) or a medical marijuana care center.
- Approximately 900 different physicians have signed for current patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from \$90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	7,611	7%
Alamosa	247	<1%
Arapahoe	9,962	10%
Archuleta	375	<1%
Baca	47	<1%
Bent	50	<1%
Boulder	9,045	9%
Broomfield	1,029	1%
Chaffee	547	1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	423	<1%
Conejos	92	<1%
Costilla	134	<1%
Crowley	84	<1%
Custer	108	<1%
Delta	583	1%
Denver	16,605	16%

Dolores	63	<1%
Douglas	3,108	3%
Eagle	1,093	1%
El Paso	14,117	14%
Elbert	299	<1%
Fremont	1,037	1%
Garfield	1,327	1%
Gilpin	380	<1%
Grand	350	<1%
Gunnison	341	<1%
Hinsdale	21	<1%
Huerfano	209	<1%
Jackson	18	<1%
Jefferson	11,526	11%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	60	<1%
La Plata	1,695	2%
Lake	196	<1%
Larimer	5,061	5%
Las Animas	239	<1%
Lincoln	47	<1%
Logan	192	<1%
Mesa	2,228	2%
Mineral	11	<1%
Moffat	195	<1%
Montezuma	673	1%
Montrose	657	1%
Morgan	199	<1%
Otero	236	<1%
Ouray	124	<1%
Park	695	1%
Phillips	36	<1%
Pitkin	698	1%
Prowers	106	<1%
Pueblo	2,791	3%
Rio Blanco	67	<1%
Rio Grande	155	<1%
Routt	920	1%
Saguache	223	<1%
San Juan	22	<1%
San Miguel	348	<1%
Sedgwick	22	<1%
Summit	997	1%
Teller	891	1%
Washington	61	<1%
Weld	3,348	3%
Yuma	80	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,278	1%
Cancer	2,737	3%
Glaucoma	1,074	1%
HIV/AIDS	667	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,771	17%
Seizures	1,765	2%
Severe Pain	97,533	94%
Severe Nausea	11,914	11%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	68%	41
Female	32%	43

** The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.